

CLAIMS

The invention is claimed as follows:

1. A gaming device comprising:
 - a game operable upon a wager by a player;
 - 5 a plurality of symbols;
 - a display device; and
 - a processor operable with said display device to form and display at least two selection sets, wherein each selection set includes zero, one or a plurality of said symbols, enable the player to input a selection of one of said selection sets after the selection sets are displayed, select one of said symbols, provide the player an award if the player inputted the selection set which includes the selected symbol, and reform said selection sets from said plurality of symbols for at least one further input of one of said reformed selections sets by the player, wherein each reformed selection set includes zero, one or a plurality of said symbols.
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2. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the award is based on a number of inputs by the player of the selection set with the selected symbol.
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3. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said reformed selection sets are reformed based on the selected symbol.
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4. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the award provided to the player increases for each input by the player of the selection set with the selected symbol.
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5. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the award for each input by the player of the selection set with the selected symbol is larger than the award for a previous correct input of the selection set with the selected symbol.

6. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes an additional award provided to the player if the player inputs a predetermined number of inputs of the selection set with the selected symbol.

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7. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the player keeps said provided award regardless of a subsequent incorrect input of the selection set with the selected symbol.

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8. A gaming device comprising:

a primary wagering game operable upon a wager by a player;
a plurality of symbols; and

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a triggering event in said primary wagering game, wherein after an occurrence of said triggering event, at least two selection sets are formed and displayed for the player to input a selection of one of said selection sets, wherein each selection set includes zero, one or a plurality of said symbols, one of said symbols is selected, an award is provided to the player if the player inputted the selection set which includes the selected symbol, and said selection sets are reformed from said plurality of symbols for at least one further input of one of said reformed selections sets by the player, wherein each reformed selection set includes zero, one or a plurality of said symbols.

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9. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein the award is provided to the player based on a number of inputs by the player of the selection set with the selected symbol.

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10. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein said reformed selection sets are reformed based on the selected symbol.

11. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein the award provided to the player increases for each input by the player of the selection set with the selected symbol.

12. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein an additional award is provided to the player if the player inputs a predetermined number of inputs of the selection set with the selected symbol.

5 13. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein the player keeps said provided award regardless of a subsequent incorrect input.

14. A gaming device comprising:
a primary wagering game operable upon a wager by a player;
10 a plurality of symbols; and
a triggering event in said primary wagering game, wherein after an occurrence of said triggering event at least two selection sets are formed and displayed for the player to input a first selection of one of said displayed selection sets, wherein each selection set includes zero,
15 one or a plurality of said symbols, one of said symbols is randomly selected and indicated to the player, an award is provided to the player if the player inputted the selection set which includes the selected symbol, and said selection sets are reformed from said plurality of symbols for at least one further input of one of the reformed selection
20 sets by the player, wherein said each reformed selection set is based on said selected symbol and include zero, one or a plurality of said symbols.

15 15. The gaming device of Claim 14, wherein the selection set inputted by the player must include at least one symbol.

16. A gaming device comprising:
a plurality of symbols,
a display device; and
a processor operable with said display device to select one of
5 said symbols, indicate said selected symbol, form and display at least
two selection sets wherein each selection set includes zero, one or a
plurality of the non-selected symbols, enable the player to input a pick
of one of the selection sets wherein the player picked selection set
includes at least one non-selected symbol, select one of said non-
10 selected symbols as a match symbol, provide the player an award if
the player's picked selection set includes the match symbol and reform
said selection sets from said plurality of symbols for at least one further
input of one of said reformed selection sets by the player, wherein each
said reformed selection set includes zero, one or a plurality of said
15 symbols.

17. The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein said reformed
selection sets are formed based on said match symbol.

20 18. The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein one of said
formed selection sets includes the plurality of non-selected symbols.

19. The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein each
subsequently selected match symbol is different than the previously
25 selected match symbol.

20. A gaming device comprising:
a primary wagering game operable upon a wager by a player;
a plurality of symbols; and
a triggering event in said primary wagering game, wherein after
5 an occurrence of said triggering event, one of said symbols is selected
and displayed to the player, at least two selection sets are formed from
the symbols and displayed to the player for an input of one of said
selection sets, wherein each selection set includes zero, one or a
plurality of the non-selected symbols, one of said non-selected symbols
10 is selected and designated a match symbol, an award is provided to
the player if the player's picked selection set includes said designated
match symbol, and said selection sets are reformed from said plurality
of symbols for at least one further input of one of said reformed
selection sets by the player, wherein said each reformed selection set
15 includes zero, one or a plurality of said symbols.

21. The gaming device of Claim 20, wherein said reformed
selection sets are formed based on said match symbol.

20 22. The gaming device of Claim 20, wherein one of said
formed selection sets includes the plurality of non-selected symbols.

23. The gaming device of Claim 20, wherein each
subsequently selected symbol is different than the previously selected
25 match symbol.

24. A gaming device comprising:
a plurality of symbols,
a display device; and
a processor operable with said display device to select one of
5 said symbols, display said selected symbol, form and display at least
two selection sets wherein each selection set includes zero, one or a
plurality of the non-selected symbols, select one of said non-selected
symbols as a match symbol, enable the player to input a pick of one of
said selection sets, reform said selection sets from said plurality of
10 symbols for at least one further input of one of said selection sets by
the player, wherein said reformed selection sets are based on said
match symbol and each includes zero, one or a plurality of said
symbols, and provide the player an award based on the number of
selection sets picked by the player which include match symbols.

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25. A gaming device comprising:
a primary wagering game operable upon a wager by a player;
a plurality of symbols; and
a triggering event in said primary wagering game, wherein after
20 an occurrence of said triggering event, one of said symbols is selected
and displayed to the player, at least two selection sets are formed and
displayed from the symbols for an input of a pick of one of said
selection sets with at least one non-selected symbol by the player,
wherein each selection set includes zero, one or a plurality of the non-
25 selected symbols, one of said non-selected symbols is selected and
designated a match symbol, said selection sets are reformed from said
plurality of symbols for at least one further input of a pick of one of said
selection sets with at least one non-selected symbol by the player,
wherein said reformed selection sets each include zero, one or a
30 plurality of said symbols and are based on said match symbol, and an
award is provided to the player based on the number of selection sets
picked by the player which include match symbols.

26. A gaming device comprising:
a plurality of symbols;
a display device; and
a processor operable with said display device to display said
5 symbols, select one of said symbols, indicate said selected symbol,
form and display at least two selection sets wherein each selection set
includes zero, one or a plurality of the non-selected symbols, select
one of said non-selected symbols as a match symbol, enable the
player to input a pick of one of the selection sets, provide the player an
10 award if the player's picked selection set includes the match symbol,
wherein a probability is associated with the player correctly picking the
selection set which includes the match symbol, and reform said
selection sets from said plurality of symbols for at least one subsequent
input by the player, wherein the probability of the player picking the
15 selection set with the match symbol changes based on the
subsequently selected symbols.

27. A method of operating a gaming device, said method
comprising:
20 (a) forming at least two symbol selection sets from a plurality
of symbols, wherein each symbol selection set includes zero, one or a
plurality of said symbols;
(b) enabling a player to input a pick of one of said symbol
selection sets;
25 (c) selecting one of the symbols;
(d) providing the player an award if the player's inputted
picked symbol selection set includes said selected symbol; and
(e) repeating steps (a) through (d) at least once, wherein
said symbol selection sets are reformed from said plurality of symbols.

30 28. The method of Claim 27, wherein the award provided to
the player is based on the number of player picked symbol selection
sets which include the selected symbol.

29. The method of Claim 27, wherein the reformed symbol selection sets are based on the previously selected symbol.

30. The method of Claim 27, which is provided to the player
5 through a data network.

31. The method of Claim 30, wherein the data network is an internet.

10 32. A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) forming at least two symbol selection sets from a plurality of symbols, wherein each symbol selection set includes zero, one or a plurality of said symbols;

15 (b) displaying said formed symbol selection sets;

(c) enabling a player to input a pick of one of said symbol selection sets;

(d) randomly selecting one of the symbols;

(e) displaying said selected symbol;

20 (f) providing the player an award if the player's inputted picked symbol selection set includes said selected symbol; and

(g) repeating steps (a) through (f) at least once, wherein said symbol selection sets are reformed from said plurality of symbols and said reformed symbol selection sets are reformed based on said
25 selected symbol of step (d).

33. The method of Claim 32, wherein the player cannot input a pick of a symbol selection set having zero symbols.

30 34. The method of Claim 32, which is provided to the player through a data network.

35. The method of Claim 34, wherein the data network is an internet.

36. A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

- (a) display a plurality of symbols;
- (b) selecting one of the symbols;
- 5 (c) indicating said selected symbol;
- (d) forming at least two symbol selection sets from said plurality of symbols based, wherein each symbol selection set includes zero, one or a plurality of said non-selected symbols, and at least one of said symbol selection sets includes a plurality of symbols;
- 10 (e) display said formed symbol selection sets;
- (f) enabling a player to input a pick of one of said symbol selection sets, wherein the player inputted picked symbol selection set must include at least one non-selected symbol;
- (g) selecting one of the non-selected symbols as a match
15 symbol;
- (h) providing the player an award if the player's inputted picked symbol selection set includes the match symbol; and
- (i) repeating steps (c) through (h) at least once, wherein said symbol selection sets are reformed from said plurality of symbols.

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37. The method of Claim 36, wherein at least one reformed symbol selection set is based on said previous selected match symbol.

38. The method of Claim 36, wherein each reformed symbol
25 selection set is based on said previous selected match symbol.

39. The method of Claim 36, which is provided to the player through a data network.

40. The method of Claim 39, wherein the data network is an
30 internet.

41. A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

- (a) display a plurality of symbols;
- (b) selecting one of the symbols;
- 5 (c) indicating said selected symbol;
- (d) forming at least two symbol selection sets from said plurality of symbols, wherein each symbol selection set includes zero, one or a plurality of said non-selected symbols, and at least one of said symbol selection sets includes a plurality of symbols;
- 10 (e) display said formed symbol selection sets;
- (f) enabling a player to input a pick of one of said symbol selection sets;
- (g) selecting one of the non-selected symbols as a match symbol;
- 15 (h) repeating steps (d) through (g) for a predetermined number of times, wherein said symbol selection sets are reformed from said plurality of symbols and said reformed symbol selection sets are reformed based on said match symbol; and
- (i) providing the player an award based on the number of
- 20 inputted symbol selection sets picked by the player which include the match symbol.

42. The method of Claim 41, which is provided to the player through a data network.

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43. The method of Claim 42, wherein the data network is an internet.

44. A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

5 (a) forming at least two symbol selection sets from a plurality of symbols, wherein each symbol selection set includes zero, one or a plurality of said symbols;

(b) displaying said formed symbol selection sets;

(c) randomly selecting one of the symbols as a match symbol;

10 (d) enabling a player to input a pick of one of said symbol selection sets, wherein a probability that the player's picked symbol selection set includes said match symbol is associated with the formed symbol selection sets;

(e) providing the player an award if the player's inputted picked symbol selection set includes said selected match symbol; and

15 (f) repeating steps (a) through (e) at least once, wherein said symbol selection sets are reformed from said plurality of symbols and said reformed symbol selection sets are reformed based on said selected symbol, wherein the probability of the player picking the selection set with the match symbol changes based on the reformed
20 selection sets.

45. The method of Claim 44, which is provided to the player through a data network.

25 46. The method of Claim 45, wherein the data network is an internet.